Setting up of State Adoption Resource Agencies

710. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to set up State Adoption Resource Agencies on the lines of Central Adoption Resource Agency (CARA), the nodal agency for adoption in the country, in order to revive the dismal Indian adoption scenario;

(b) if so, whether Government is putting pressure on State Governments to keep a tab on illegal adoption activities taking place since it tantamounts to human trafficking;

(c) whether India's adoption scene has been very dismal in the past; and

(d) if so, whether the Ministry is developing a new software which would be used to make adoptee parents fill annual feedback forms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Women and Child Development has formulated a new centrally sponsored scheme namely "Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS)" for implementation during 11th Plan Period under which there is provision for setting up of State Adoption Resource Agency in every State/Union Territory for promoting in-country adoption & regulating inter-country adoption and to coordinate & monitor in-country adoptions.

(b) Recognized adoption agencies are promoted to discourage illegal adoption activities by nursing homes, hospitals and unrecognized adoption agencies.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) There is no such proposal.

Work by Rescued Children

711. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that so many children, rescued from working in hazardous industries and in other places, are again being forced to work in shops and other establishments;

(b) how many children have been rescued and rehabilitated by Government after coming into force of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights Act;

(c) whether the Commission has asked to recognize such children as bonded labour under the Bonded Labour Act; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the educational facilities being extended to such children?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Information is not collected by the Commission.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.